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EXPERIENCE

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, PA
Professor of Law (August 2013-present)

- **Courses Taught:** Appellate Advocacy; American Legal History; Amicus Advocacy.
- **Faculty Administrator, Theodore L. Reimel Moot Court Competition (2015–2024):** Designed original appellate records presenting two balanced, competing legal issues and directed a competition focused on appellate brief writing and oral advocacy.
- **Faculty Service:** Chair, Admissions Committee; elected member, Non-Tenure Promotion and Retention Committee; member, A.I. Working Group; Faculty Advisor, Moot Court Board (2015–2024).
- **Awards:** Diane Ambler ’78 Faculty Curricular Innovation Award (2019, 2025).

Webb Consulting LLC West Chester, PA
Writing Consultant to National and Regional Law Firms (August 2022-Present)
Designed and delivered legal writing presentations for law firm associates; provided individualized coaching to strengthen legal writing, analysis, organization, and editing skills.

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Villanova, PA
Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing (August 2008-December 2009; August 2012-May 2013)
Instructed first-year law students in legal writing, research, analysis, communication, and citation; developed original case problems and writing assignments for legal memoranda, trial briefs, and appellate briefs.

Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, DE
Adjunct Professor of Legal Methods (August 2011-May 2012). Instructed first-year law students in legal research, writing, analysis, communication, and citation, with an emphasis on objective and persuasive legal advocacy.

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
Adjunct Professor (May 2008-present). Designed and taught online courses in evidentiary procedure and criminal justice research design and methodology; collaborated in the development and instruction of forensic evidence courses; drafted and revised the Department of Forensic Medicine student handbook.

Delaware County Intermediate Unit, Morton, PA
Online Legal Course Developer & Instructor (February 2010-2018). Designed and taught continuing education courses for public school teachers and administrators on the tort liability of school districts and employees and the constitutional rights of public-school students, qualifying participants for Act 48 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit.

Post & Post, LLC, Berwyn, PA
Associate (February 2009-June 2010). Managed medical malpractice litigation from case inception through appeal, including case strategy, discovery, motion practice, depositions, trial preparation, and appellate briefing.

Rubin, Fortunato & Harbison P.C., Paoli, PA
Associate (June 2006-May 2008). Represented employers and employees in a broad range of employment law matters, including restrictive covenants, trade secrets, employment agreements, sexual harassment, and discrimination claims. Managed FINRA arbitrations from inception through resolution and oversaw complex electronic discovery and document review projects utilizing multiple litigation support platforms.

Blank Rome LLP, Philadelphia, PA
Associate (September 2004-June 2006). Represented clients in complex litigation across multiple practice areas, including insurance coverage, medical malpractice, products liability, zoning and land use, landlord-tenant disputes, immigration, and constitutional law.

Blank Rome LLP, Philadelphia, PA, Summer Associate (May 2003-August 2003).

Centre d'Estudios Langage, Barcelona, Spain.
Teacher, Business English (July 1999-January 2001). Developed and delivered English-language instruction for Spanish lawyers and accountants with varying levels of English proficiency, adapting curriculum and materials to diverse skill levels.

EDUCATION

Villanova University School of Law, Villanova, PA, Juris Doctorate, *Cum Laude*, May 2004.
Honors & Activities: Member of Villanova Law Moot Court Board; participated in national Moot Court competitions; member of International Law Society and Women's Law Caucus.

Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, B.A. in English Literature, May 1999.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Appellate Oral Argument in the Federal Courts of Appeals: A Vestige of the Past, or a Vital Check on Intuitive Decision-Making?* JOURNAL OF APPELLATE PRACTICE AND PROCESS (August 2026).
- *Doing More with More: Innovations in Legal Writing to Achieve Practice Readiness,* THE SECOND DRAFT (online publication of the Legal Writing Institute), Spring 2018 (with Mary Ann Robinson).

Work in Progress

- *Justice Must Be Seen to Be Done: Open Justice and Appellate Oral Argument.*

PRESENTATIONS

- "Justice Must be Seen to be Done--Why the Decline of Oral Argument in the Federal Courts of Appeals Diminishes Democratic Accountability, Transparency, and Institutional Legitimacy," Works-in-Progress Workshop, Writing Connections, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) 2026 Conference, Amelia Island, FL, July 2026 (Presenter).
- "Failure, Fear, and Self-Doubt: The Emotions We (as Professors) Dare Not Name," SEALS 2026 Conference, Amelia Island, FL, July 2026 (Panelist).
- "Measuring the Impact of AI on Legal Writing, Assessment, and Feedback," SEALS 2026

Conference, Amelia Island, FL, July 2026 (Discussant).

- "Appellate Oral Argument in the Federal Courts of Appeals: A Vestige of the Past, or a Vital Check on Intuitive Decision-Making?" AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research Works-in-Progress Session, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2026 (Presenter).
- "Influence of Historical Context on Judicial Decision-Making," Lepage Center Collaboration with the History Department Introducing History Pre-Law Concentration, Villanova University, February 2024 (Panelist).
- "Judges are Human Too—Implicit Bias and Judicial-Decision Making," CLE for alumni reunion, Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, June 2021 (Presenter).
- "Is the Future of Legal Writing Bright or Bleak? The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Skills Education and the Practice of Law," LWI One-Day Workshop, Legal Writing Institute, Rutgers Law School Newark, December 13, 2019 (Co-Presenter).
- "Bridging the Gap Between Required First- and Second-Year Legal Writing Courses: The Evolving Roles of Students and Professors," The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of Maryland Carey Law School, Baltimore, Maryland, March 2016 (Co-Presenter).
- "Oral Advocacy Before and Behind the Bench," The New England Consortium of Legal Writing Teachers Conference, Vermont Law School, South Royalton, Vermont, September 2014 (Presenter).
- "Helping Students Understand Their Audience," Legal Writing Institute One-Day Workshop, Drexel University Earle Macke School of Law, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, December 2013 (Presenter).

CIVIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Villanova Law J. Willard O'Brien American Inn of Court, Faculty Liaison (2020–2022)
- West Goshen Township Historical Commission, Member (July 2026–present)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (2004)
- New Jersey (2004, Inactive)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2004)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2004)